

# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School- Green Class



### Welcome to a new school year...

Welcome to everyone! My name is Miss Cheetham and I look forward to meeting you and getting to know your child during the next few weeks. I hope you all had a good summer holiday and are ready for new challenges. Mrs Marks will also be working in Green Class and as a team we will work to ensure that your child is happy, works hard and fulfils their academic potential. This half term the children will learn class rules and routines and develop their independence by changing their own reading books, handing in their homework and by taking on new responsibilities in class. We can't wait!

### TOPIC

We start the new academic year with an exciting 'Romans' topic. The children are already showing great enthusiasm for this topic and we are all excited for our Roman trip (Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September)! Our Roman learning will be showcased during the 'Grand Opening' on the evening of 21<sup>st</sup> September, where we celebrate the opening of the new building.



History, D.T. and Art are the areas of the curriculum which will be covered during this topic. In History children will uncover historical facts about the Romans from a range of historical sources, investigate Roman life and finally children will be able to compare the lives of traditional Romans to their own experiences.

We have an exciting D.T activity planned where children will be exploring sliding mechanisms to create a moving image. Children will have the opportunity to develop cooperation and teamwork as they create a Roman army ready to head to battle. We look forward to seeing how they turn out!

Art sees a further development of creativity and mark making. Using finger-drawing techniques children will develop their fine motor skills to add finer detail. Children will be exploring different surfaces to draw upon and ensuring they are fit for purpose for a final piece of Roman artwork.

Computing, Music, P.E. and Philosophy for Children are taught each week throughout the year. See our 'Curriculum' area on the school website for further information.

### BITS AND PIECES

Your child will bring home reading books to share with you but we also encourage the children to read books that they enjoy (and are appropriately challenging) from home too. Please find time **each night** to support your child with their reading as regular reading practice has a **significant** impact on children's learning. The new home-reading system will be implemented this coming term.



Children will find out their club groups in the first week back.

Forest school days are:

Group 3 **Monday**, Group 4 **Tuesday**, Group 5 **Wednesday**.

### LITERACY

This half term the children will be writing sentences focusing on capital letters, finger spaces and full stops and describing characters and settings using adjectives.

In phonics, children will be consolidating Phase 3 and 4 'Letters and Sounds' work including vowel digraphs (such as ai, ee, igh, oa, or, oo) and initial and final blends (such as gr, bl, mp, nd). Handwriting will focus on defining the curved patterns and cursive formation of individual letters.



### NUMERACY

The start of this term in maths is all about number. We will be focusing on comparing and ordering numbers, reading and writing numbers alongside establishing mental and written methods for addition and subtraction.

We shall be problem solving by finding all the possibilities for a problem and establishing fast recall of number in mental maths.

### CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

A quick checklist for each day in school:

- school book bag
- home reading book and card
- water bottle
- healthy snack
- hooded, waterproof coat
- P.E kit (to include jogging bottoms, shorts, trainers **and pumps**, white t-shirt, jumper, hair bobble for children with shoulder length hair or longer and a plastic carrier bag for muddy trainers)
- wellingtons and a pair of thick socks



It is important that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name.

I am excited for our Green Class journey to begin! If you have any questions or if there is anything further you would like to speak about then I am more than happy to help and can usually speak after 3.15pm. Thank you.

*Miss Cheetham*